

Closing lane on Main St. a “fantastic idea”

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Gadfly,

What a fantastic idea to close off a lane on Main Street to make it possible for restaurants to use the street space to social distance. A **cafe in Germany** made customers wear caps with pool noodles to ensure social distancing.



I’m sure many people will want to stay home and stay safe, but this pandemic is going to last awhile, and I agree with those who think we have to start to find ways to safely keep our small businesses alive. In my opinion, we have to have a plan for testing and contact-tracing before most people will feel comfortable. Are people willing to provide data on their movements if they get sick, so that others can be warned? What

kind of testing capacity do we have locally? I don't know how we get very far without knowing the answers to these (and other) questions.

Best, Breena

Gadfly wonders if we couldn't put our noodles together and come up with spacing apparel that relates uniquely to Bethlehem and our historic character (faux I-beams?), apparel that would not only be fun but so distinctive, so representative of our town that we would gain national attention. Gadfly's mailbox is open for suggestions.

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